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MEMORANDUM FOR:

DR. KISSINGER

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FROM:

HAROLD H. SAUNDERS

SUBJECT:

Two Background Issues for Your
Talks in Moscow

Attached are two communications which you may wish to be aware of as you go to Moscow:

At Tab A is a [] message from Ambassador Moynihan. He calls attention to recent reports of Soviet military equipment arriving in Bangladesh and notes that "we seem to be falling into that rather too familiar pattern of the US supplying food and Soviets supplying arms." He asks whether there is any possible use in exploring something like an East-West super-aid consortium that would press the Soviets into some kind of parity. I am not sure where this idea might fit into any broader scheme you might have with the Soviets. From the South Asian perspective, however, it does seem likely that if we got into large-scale debt rescheduling for India through the World Bank at some point there might be pressure--albeit somewhat less than in Indonesia--to involve the Soviets in some parallel way. Unless there is a broader context to this now, it may be premature to raise it at this point.

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At Tab B is a memorandum from State following up a suggestion by Ambassador Porter to General Scowcroft that you might find it useful while in Moscow to "inquire concerning the all-out attack of the Communist-controlled media in the Middle East against the US on the general subject of our alleged collaboration with Israel and our alleged complicity in Israeli raids into Lebanon." The memo points out that Moscow radio has fed the campaign of allegations of US complicity. State recommends that you ask the Soviets "how they reconcile this inflammatory material with their frequently expressed desire for good relations with the US." State also notes that you could point out that this endangers the security of our people in the Middle East. As you know, this is already covered in the briefing material which I have prepared for you on the Middle East.

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There is one other issue which you should be aware of. I have had several approaches from Jewish interests asking that you be informed about a new rash of killings of Iraqi Jews--16 this year according to these sources. They acknowledge that the USG through diplomatic channels has done about all it can--by pressing third parties with representatives in Iraq and by pressing the UN High Commissioner for Refugees who has visited Iraq to discuss this problem. Their concern is simply that you be aware of the problem in case there is an appropriate opportunity for mentioning it to the Soviets. There is a small but steady flow of Congressional mail on the subject. Obviously this would be tricky for the Soviets to mention in Iraq, but it is at this point mainly a humanitarian matter of not killing people.

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TO THE WHITE HOUSE

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FM AMBASSADOR MOYNIHAN NEW DELHI 1161
TO THE WHITE HOUSE, FOR DR. KISSINGER

By way of unsolicited advice, may I suggest that en route to Moscow you might want to consider the relationship between US and them in Bangladesh. To the best of my reading of [] cables we seem to be falling into that rather too familiar pattern of the United States supplying food and the Soviets supplying arms. Is there any possible use in exploring, perhaps, an East-West super-aid consortium that would press them into some kind of parity? Best, Moynihan.

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May 2, 1973

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. HENRY A. KISSINGER
THE WHITE HOUSESubject: Communist Media Attack on US in
Middle East

After the SALT meeting April 30, Ambassador Porter suggested to General Scowcroft that you might find it useful while in Moscow to inquire concerning the all-out attack of the Communist controlled media in the Middle East against the United States on the general subject of our alleged collaboration with Israel and our alleged complicity in Israeli raids into Lebanon.

Moscow radio on April 13 gave a long dissertation (FBIS 19) on "who protects Israeli aggression."

On the next day, April 14, FBIS 88 Moscow cited strong evidence which gave observers "good grounds to declare that the wide-spread possibilities of the American intelligence were utilized." Moscow went on to say that "the Alliance between the CIA and the Israeli intelligence service is no secret to anyone."

We recommend that you ask the Soviets how they reconcile this inflammatory material with their frequently expressed desire for good relations with the United States. In this connection, you could note that this material bears on the security problem posed for our personnel in the Middle East.

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